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伊藤忠ロジスティクス株式会社が“Pharma Tech Outlook”において
「2020年アジア太平洋地域のトップ10 サプライチェーン
マネジメント コンサルティング/サービス企業」に選出されました

このたび、医薬・バイオ・サプライチェーン・ロジスティクス業界で世界中に幅広い読者を持つ月刊誌“Pharma Tech Outlook”から、当社の医薬品・医療機器への取組みが評価され「2020年アジア太平洋地域のトップ10 サプライチェーン マネジメント コンサルティング/サービス企業」に伊藤忠ロジスティクスが選出されました。

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Itochu Logistics

Providing One-Stop Pharmaceutical Logistics Management Solutions

Itochu Logistics is the core logistics service provider of Itochu Group. The parent Itochu Corporation, which is a Fortune 500 company, has approximately 100 bases in 62 countries and is engaged in domestic trading, import/export, and overseas trading as well as business investment in Japan and overseas. In the pharmaceutical supply chain business, there is a renewed awareness pertaining to the importance of logistics in supporting Business Continuity Planning (BCP). Industry leaders such as Itochu Logistics recognize the increased demand for a stable supply chain and distribution systems that takes into consideration the characteristics of pharmaceutical products and medical devices prerequisites. The company also calls for improved quality control, in line with international compliance requirements and industry regulations. Against this backdrop, Itochu Logistics has positioned itself as a one-stop Japanese 3PL services. Using its profound quality management knowledge, the company handles logistics operations across multiple pharmaceutical regimes such as ethical pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, in-vitro diagnostics suppliers, and drug substances. "Itochu Logistics delivers both Japanese domestic and overseas 3PL services as well as overseas forwarding services as a one-stop-shop offering," asserts Kazuhide Sasa, President and CEO at Itochu Logistics.



Kazuhide Sasa



Itochu Logistics deliver both Japanese domestic and overseas 3PL services along with overseas forwarding services as a one stop shop

By proposing joint distribution arrangements to its clients and enabling low-cost operations, Itochu Logistics Group has propelled the contract logistics business for pharmaceuticals and medical devices by incorporating its decade-long experience in retail distribution. The company adopts Good Distribution Practice (GDP) as an essential management criterion in the distribution of pharmaceuticals. Furthermore, Itochu Logistics persistently promotes a safe, secure, and stable distribution of pharmaceuticals not only in Japan but also across the APAC region, including China, India, and Indonesia.

With increasing demands for warehousing amid rising orders from customers, it is necessary to send goods from distribution points to multiple delivery locations and handle smaller quantities of a more extensive range of goods in a shorter period. Itochu Logistics can disburden the customer from this increasingly complicated challenge of operating a distribution center and bring about greater efficiency and an overall reduction in its customer's logistics costs. The company designs distribution centers with meticulous attention to detail to meet each client's business needs. Case in point, capitalizing on the strength of the ITOCHU group, ITOCHU Logistics quite recently designed a distribution point for a convenience store, along with real-time inventory management and dispatch control. "We do not merely warehouse your goods in the interval between receiving and dispatching. We conduct inspections, repairs, price tagging, order picking, packing, and various other value-added processes as well," says Kazuhide. He recalls an instance where Itochu Logistics organized cold packaging warehouse for its client in Japan while arranging customs clearance on a temperature-controlled truck. The company enabled air forwarding of their client's products and expedited cold packaging warehouse at the destination, thereby strictly avoiding temperature deviation from the point of origin. On another occasion, as a one-stop-shop service for a Japanese pharma client exporting to China, Itochu Logistics orchestrated its products' forwarding process to the region while relabelling their Chinese products and enabling Chinese domestic transportation.

Building upon such successful collaborations, Itochu Logistics is planning to overhaul its one-stop-shop logistics services while enhancing its domestic and overseas 3PL platform. Through its total outsourcing of logistic operations, along with the combination of distribution centers, safe delivery, continuous quality enhancement, and cost rationalization, Itochu Logistics cements its position as an efficient and optimum logistics business partner for clients. Furthermore, the company continues to seek to expand its capabilities for its clients. For instance, Itochu Logistics now provides both sales and trading functions as well as logistics services. "We recently established ties with a Chinese drug store operator where Itochu Logistics will provide both logistics services as well as sales and trading functions," concludes Kazuhide. 